

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ARIZONA STATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND**

**UNCONFIRMED
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

November 6, 2008

Conference Room

ASDB Desert Valley Regional Cooperative Offices

8055 North 24th Avenue, #103,

Phoenix, AZ 85721

I. Call to Order, Roll Call

Board President Orlenda Roberts called the public meeting of the ASDB Board of Directors to order at approximately 5:12 p.m.

Present: Orlenda Roberts, Sherri Collins, Clifford Rowley, Michael Williams, Kacey Gregson, Mary Michaelis (arrived at approximately 5:14 p.m.)

Absent: Frank Hernandez, Sami Hamed, Ray Mungaray

Also Present: Jennifer Pollock and Kim Anderson of the Arizona Attorney General's Office. (Ms. Pollock left the meeting at approximately 5:50 p.m. and Ms. Anderson left at approximately 6:27 p.m.)

II. Business Agenda #1

- A. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action regarding the Response to the Attorney General's Inquiry into the Open Meeting Law Complaint Concerning the June 9, 2008 ASDB Board Meeting.

Mary Michaelis joined the meeting.

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Sherri Collins, and unanimously carried: That the Board adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(2) and/or (A)(3) the Governing Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to review, discuss and consider records exempt from public inspection and/or for purposes of discussion/ consultation for legal advice with its attorney as it relates to the response to the AG's inquiry into the Open Meeting Law complaint concerning June 9, 2008 ASDB Board meeting.

The Board of Directors adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at approximately 5:27 p.m.

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Kacey Gregson, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors accept the Attorney General's report with the additional information with the revisions the Attorney General was asked to add.

Kim Anderson informed the Board she would file the report with the Attorney General's Office.

- B. Update Regarding the Status of the Investigation Relating to the January 28, 2008 Communication Made Pursuant to Board Policy GBP for Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Kacey Gregson, and unanimously carried: That the Board adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(2) and/or (A)(3) the Governing Board may vote to go into Executive Session, which will not be open to the public, to review, discuss and consider records exempt from public inspection and/or for purposes of discussion/ consultation for legal advice with its attorney regarding the status of the investigation related to the January 28, 2008 communication made pursuant to Policy GBP.

The Board of Directors adjourned to Executive Session at approximately 5:33 p.m. and reconvened the public meeting at approximately 5:39 p.m.

It was moved by Mary Michaelis, seconded by Kacey Gregson, and unanimously carried that the Board reinstate the process of selecting an investigator to complete the investigation and that Michael Williams continue to be the Board's representative to review with the ASDB procurement department the list of available investigators and bring it back to the Board for approval.

Michael Williams spoke to the issue noting that an unexpected conflict of interest, recently encountered by the investigator appointed by the Board of Directors in this matter, necessitates the Board to seek a new investigator to continue and complete the investigation.

III. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Judy Robbins spoke to agenda item II.A. She expressed disappointment with the Board for allowing some but not all public comment to occur during the June Board meeting.

President Roberts allowed the speaker to finish commenting, but noted the topic of comment was not relevant to agenda item II.A.

IV. Business Agenda #2

- A. Approval to Vacate Ms. Sue Anne McCreery's Post-Termination Appeal from the Board's Calendar for Consideration and Possible Action

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Sherri Collins, and carried with a vote of five in favor and one abstention (Cliff Rowley) that the Board of Directors vacate Ms. Sue Anne McCreery's Post-Termination Appeal from the Board's Calendar per the request of Counsel for Ms. McCreery.

Mary Michaelis and Kim Anderson spoke to the issue.

- B. Approval to Expend FY 09 Trust Funds Allocated to Schools for Consideration and Possible Action

Jennifer Pollock left meeting.

Harold Hoff and Michael Williams spoke to the issue.

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Mary Michaelis, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors approve Trust Funds requests in the amount of \$37,400.00 as recommended by the Superintendent.

Item #	Submitted	Type	Description	Cost
1	ASB	Academic	Art Program	\$5,500.00
2	ASB	Recreational	Blind Olympics	\$2,500.00
3	ASD	Other	Spike Out Tournament	\$4,000.00
4	ASD	Academic	Academic Bowl	\$3,000.00
5	ASD	Academic	Western States Team Travel	\$6,000.00
6	PDSD	Academic	Close Up Activities	\$14,000.00
7	EHR	Recreational	Blind Olympics	\$2,400.00
			TOTOAL	\$37,400.00

- C. Recommendation to name the newly constructed building on the Tucson campus for Consideration and Possible Action

It was moved by Michael Williams, seconded by Cliff Rowley, and unanimously carried that the Board of Directors direct the Superintendent to follow up on the recommendation to name the newly constructed building on the Tucson Campus by following regulation FF-R to form a committee.

Harold Hoff, Orlenda Roberts, and Sherri Collins spoke to the issue.

V. Consent Agenda for Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Confirmation of the October 2, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of Contracts and/or Agreements with Legacy Traditional School, Tucson Guitar Society, UA Campus Recreation, KXCI 91.3 FM, and Kids Unlimited
- C. Approval of donations and grants from Valley of the Sun United Way, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, The City of Avondale Civic Center and The Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona

It was moved by Mary Michaelis, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried to approve Consent Agenda Items B and C.

It was moved by Mary Michaelis, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried to table Consent Agenda Item A until the next Board meeting.

Mary Michaelis, Michael Williams, and Sherri Collins spoke to the issue.

VI. Superintendent's Report for Consideration and Possible Action

- A. Summary of Current Events
- B. Financial Report
- C. FY 09 First Quarter Personnel New Hire and Turnover Reports
- D. Special Report – HB 2035, HB 2747, and ASDB Transition
- E. Special Report – Desert Valley Regional Cooperative

Director Bea VanMantgem presented information to the Board about the DVR Cooperative, and recognized DVR staff for their dedication and commitment to the children served by DVR.

Marc Ashton, CEO and Executive Director of Foundation for Blind Children, talked about the working relationship between DVR and FBC to serve blind and visually impaired children in the Phoenix area.

Melody Nerhood, parent of a student served by ASDB's DVR preschool program expressed her gratitude for the support her family has received from the parent outreach program and the preschool program sharing some of the tremendous strides her child has made.

Susan Parr, DVR Supervising Teacher of Itinerent Teaching Program, explained why DVR is a dynamic place to work and how this translates into services for children.

Kim Anderson left the meeting.

Joy Marks, DVR Interpreter Trainer, talked about the DVR interpreter training program and the opportunities being provided to interpreters at DVR and in the Valley.

Harold Hoff provided a summary of current events, updated the Board of the progress of the transition from ASDB to ADOA, spoke about the 5% budget cut to ASDB mandated by the Governor and the areas that will be impacted by the budget reductions.

Sherri Collins, Cliff Rowley, and Orlenda Roberts spoke to the issues.

VII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

Judy Robbins - Board meeting schedule and accountability. Expressed disappointment in the Board meeting agendas, concern that no action has been taken by the Board on previous public comment, and concern with the number of Board meetings conducted throughout the year.

VIII. Adjournment

It was moved by Mary Michaelis, seconded by Michael Williams, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m.